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SCE&G 9.5 % rate increase is uncalled for at this time. An increase of \$140.00 a year, when we have an employment of 10% and no cost of living increase is outrageous.

The excuse that it is for Federal mandated environmental improvements for plants and a backup dam is pure laziness.

Last year, they got increase 2.5 % increase for every year for 10 years. The president announced approval of an \$8.3 billion loan guarantee for two reactors in Georgia, which would be the first nuclear plants built in the United States since the 1970s. The question is, "Where is South Carolina's \$8.3 billion loan guarantee for Jenkinsville reactor and the EPA mandated environmental improvements for plants and a backup dam.

This is a company that operates in three states; tell them to go to the federal government to get their money, because we should not pay for federal mandated improvements. What are they going to do?

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